

201 KAR 21:055. Colleges and universities; accreditation, approval.

RELATES TO: KRS 312.019(2), (9)(b), 312.085

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 312.019(9)(b)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 312.019 provides that the board shall pass upon the qualifications of applicants for a license. KRS 312.085 provides that each applicant shall be a graduate of a chiropractic college or university which maintains a standard and reputability approved by the board. The purpose of this administrative regulation is to delineate the characteristics of institutions which are approved by the board.

Section 1. A person who makes application to the board to practice chiropractic shall be a graduate of a chiropractic college or university which is accredited as required by KRS 312.085. In addition to accreditation, the chiropractic college or university shall offer a course of study, provide a faculty, and have a physical plant and facility which are approved by the board. The following minimum standards shall apply:

(1)(a) The chiropractic college or university shall have well stated goals and purposes to prepare the doctor of chiropractic as a competent health care provider, well-educated to diagnose and treat his patients and to render the augmentative treatment provided for by KRS 312.015.

(b) It shall have a course of study, an administration, teaching staff, a physical plant and facility capable of achieving these objectives.

(2)(a) The chiropractic college or university shall offer courses of instruction to teach and train its graduates as doctors of chiropractic to diagnose and treat their patients and to render augmentative care.

(b) Courses offered shall include:

1. Anatomy;
2. Physiology;
3. Pathology;
4. Neurology;
5. Histology;
6. Hygiene;
7. Bacteriology;
8. Chemistry;
9. Chiropractic orthopedics;
10. Diagnoses;
11. Argumentative procedures, and use and effects of x-rays; and
12. Chiropractic principles and practices.

(c) It shall require for graduation and completion the amount and quality of classroom instruction, laboratory and clinical experience required of chiropractic colleges or universities by the Council on Chiropractic Education.

(d) The college or university shall also offer courses of continuing education on a postgraduate level.

(3)(a) Seventy-five (75) percent of the members of the full-time faculty of the chiropractic college or university shall hold graduate degrees in the field of chiropractic or graduate degrees in the allied field in which they teach.

(b) A course for which credit is given shall be taught by a person who holds a degree in chiropractic or in the allied field in which he teaches.

(4)(a) The chiropractic college or university shall have exclusive possession of buildings adequate to accommodate the student body, faculty and administration, with classrooms, laboratories, clinic, library, research facilities and offices.

(b) The plant, grounds, equipment and facilities shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary, efficient and attractive condition.

(c) The chiropractic college or university shall fully comply with all applicable statutes, administrative regulations, ordinances and codes pertaining to health and safety.

Section 2. (1) Each chiropractic college or university shall engage in a comprehensive, active and ongoing self-evaluation program conducted by representatives from its administration, faculty and student body.

(2) A report of that evaluation shall be submitted to the board from the college or university upon written request of the board.

(3) The college or university shall also submit, upon written request by the board;

(a) Its catalog and supplemental materials and information sufficient to advise the board of the courses offered and the instructors thereof;

(b) The faculty and staff of the college or university, the courses they teach and the duties they perform, their educational attainment, professional memberships and professional positions held by them; (c) The physical plant of the college or university, including the number and size of buildings, classrooms, libraries, laboratories, offices and clinic; the extent of laboratory training and clinical experience available to its students; the books and materials available in its library;

(d) The number of students at each level of educational attainment;

(e) The calendar of the college or university showing the beginning and ending dates of its terms, the vacation periods, the holidays observed, and the examination periods; and

(f) Any other information as may be requested by the board to assist it in evaluating the college or university and its ability to produce graduates qualified to diagnose and treat patients as doctors of chiropractic.

Section 3. (1) The board and any designees of the board shall have the right to inspect and observe any aspect of the educational program, plant and facilities of any chiropractic college or university which has a graduate or graduates to apply to be licensed by the board.

(2) Upon request of a college or university, the board shall designate an inspection team consisting of not more than five (5) members to inspect the college or university and to observe operations and to report its observations to the board with respect to the manner in which the college or university is complying with the standards set forth or alluded to in this administrative regulation.

(3) The expenses of the inspection team and reasonable compensation for members of the inspection team who are not members of the board shall be paid by the requesting college or university. (6 Ky.R. 167; eff. 10-3-79; Am. 16 Ky.R. 1617; eff. 4-12-90; 32 Ky.R. 1736; 33 Ky.R. 1073; eff. 10-18-2006.)